

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Incident:	March 10, 2016
Time of Incident:	Approximately 10:09 p.m.-11:59 p.m.
Location of Incident:	5555 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 25 th District Lockup Facility
Date of COPA Notification:	March 14, 2016
Time of COPA Notification:	1:24 p.m.

On March 10, 2016, Complainant Subject 1 was arrested by officers in the 15th District for an outstanding warrant on Cook County Case number XXXXXXXXXXXX. Upon arrest, she was transported to the 25th District without incident. While at the 25th District, Subject 1 alleges that Detention Aide A used excessive force and falsely alleged that Subject 1 was suicidal which resulted in her being transported to the hospital. Upon review of these allegations, COPA¹ recommends a finding of Unfounded for all allegations.

II. INVOLVED PARTIES

Involved Officer #1:	Detention Aide A, Employee ID: XXXXX, Date of Appointment: XX/XX/1997, Unit of Assignment: XX, DOB: XX/XX/1961, Female, Black
Subject #1:	Subject 1, DOB: XX/XX/1991, Female, Black

III. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Detention Aide A	1. Pulled hair from Subject 1's scalp. 2. Roughed Subject 1 up for no reason.	Unfounded Unfounded

¹ On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Thus, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

3. Placed knees on Subject 1's back	Unfounded
4. Fabricated facts and said that Subject 1 was suicidal.	Unfounded

IV. APPLICABLE RULES AND LAWS

Rules

1. Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
2. Rule 8: Disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
3. Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
4. Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

V. INVESTIGATION

a. Interviews

IPRA conducted an audio recorded interview of Detention Aide A on May 27, 2016. Detention Aide A stated that on March 10, 2016, she was assigned to the 25th District Female Lockup. Detention Aide A stated that when she arrived at work that day, there were two prisoners in the lockup. She stated that she worked alongside Officer A during her shift. Detention Aide A stated that when she arrived to work, she was informed by Detention Aide B, from the morning watch, that there was an unruly prisoner in Cell 41 (now known as Subject 1) who refused to cooperate and would not allow the morning shift officers/DA to write an identification number on her hand.

Detention Aide A further stated that she asked Subject 1, while doing her "board check"², if she was okay. Detention Aide A stated that Subject 1 said "nope, because I am ready to go home." Detention Aide A stated to IPRA that she then told Subject 1 that she would check on her again in 15 minutes, but since she did not have a number on her hand, she needed her name. Detention Aide A stated that Subject 1 refused to provide her name and further refused to get a number on her hand because the marker would "break her out."

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Detention Aide A stated that she went to check on Subject 1 and found her with her shirt around her neck and around a cell bar. Detention Aide A stated that Subject 1 said that she was going to kill herself if she didn't get out of the cell. Detention Aide A then stated that she called her partner who then informed Lieutenant A (the Watch Commander) and it was decided that Subject 1 would be taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

² A board check is a colloquialism used to describe documenting on a clipboard while checking on detainees.

Detention Aide A stated that Subject 1 arrived back at the 25th District Lockup after a few hours at the hospital and was consistently calling the lockup personnel names throughout the evening. Detention Aide A stated that the Lieutenant decided to move Subject 1 to a cell where they could keep an eye on her, and Subject 1 continued to call them names and express her discontent. Detention Aide A stated that the only physical contact that she made with Subject 1 was when she took her out of the cell. Detention Aide A did not handcuff Subject 1 and denied all allegations, and further denied witnessing any other lockup personnel make any physical contact with Subject 1 other than what was necessary to transport her to the hospital and/or between cells.³

On June 8, 2016, **IPRA** interviewed Detention Aide B who stated that she worked the shift prior to Detention Aide A and was present when Subject 1 was brought into lockup. Detention Aide B stated that Subject 1 was belligerent and called her multiple names and cursed at and threatened Detention Aide B.⁴

b. Documentary Evidence

The **Arrest Report** of Subject 1 details her arrest on Warrant No. XXXXXX. The photograph on the Arrest Report shows Subject 1 with a shirt wrapped around her neck.⁵

The **Chicago Fire Department Run Sheet** for Incident No. XXXXXX, show that an ambulance was dispatched to the 25th District for a psychiatric emergency. The report further states that the patient, Subject 1, was upset, agitated and yelling and denied any suicidal or homicidal thoughts. The report states that there were no visible injuries, and in the ambulance the patient did not complain of any symptoms or distress. It states that she was transported with CPD assist to the emergency room at Community First Medical Center.

IPRA attempted to contact and interview Subject 1, but was unable to secure her cooperation.⁶

VI. ANALYSIS

COPA reviewed the allegations and material evidence available for this case. The statements of both Detention Aide B and Detention Aide A provide a framework for the behavior of Subject 1 on the date that she was arrested. By both accounts, she was angry, belligerent and threatening towards lockup personnel. Moreover, her mugshot shows her with her shirt wrapped around her neck. Her behavior, coupled with her putting her shirt around her neck would have given Detention Aide A ample indication that she needed a medical evaluation. Although Subject 1 initially made several claims against lockup personnel regarding excessive force, she never cooperated with this investigation. Based on all of the above, COPA finds that this incident is Unfounded.

³ Attachments 23, 26

⁴ Attachment 30

⁵ Attachments 4, 5

⁶ Attachments 11-15, 17,18, 20, 27, 31-37

VII. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis set forth above, COPA makes the following findings:

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Detention Aide A	1. Pulled hair from Subject 1's scalp. 2. Roughed Subject 1 up for no reason. 3. Placed knees on Subject 1's back 4. Fabricated facts and said that Subject 1 was suicidal.	Unfounded Unfounded Unfounded Unfounded

Approved:

Deputy Chief Administrator – Chief Investigator

Date

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

Squad#:	XX
Investigator:	Investigator 1
Supervising Investigator:	Supervising Investigator 1
Deputy Chief Administrator:	Deputy Chief Administrator 1